

*Rep. Linda Sánchez Honored for Improving Lives of Working Families*

**Washington, DC** – Rep. Linda Sánchez, a working mom, was named “Best of Congress,” for working families by Working Mother Media and Corporate Voices for Working Families. Sánchez received the “Best of Congress” award today after a review of her voting record, legislative record, advocacy for children and families, and office policies.

**“It’s an honor to be recognized for my efforts on behalf of working families. But, like any working mom across the country, I understand what it is like to juggle the demands of kids, work, family, and laundry all at the same time!”**

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The Award spotlights Congressional excellence in supporting working families through legislation and advocacy. Equally important, it also recognizes those members of Congress who practice what they preach – employing family-friendly policies in their own offices.

**“As Co-Chair of the Labor and Working Families Caucus, working families are my number one priority,”** said Rep. Linda Sánchez. **“I know there are moms and dads who have no flexibility in the demands of their jobs – like the waitress who can’t miss a shift even if her child is sick at home. □ Policies that help make our lives a little easier are good for our families, our businesses, and ultimately, our economy.”**

Recipients of the Best of Congress Award are featured in the August/September 2010 issue of Working Mother magazine and at [www.workingmother.com](http://www.workingmother.com).

“The recipients of the Best of Congress Award serve as models for what can be accomplished through legislation and a personal commitment to policies that benefit working families,” Donna Klein, CEO and Executive Chair of Corporate Voices, said. “As our nation continues to face a number of economic and other issues involving working families, these members of Congress deserve to be congratulated and recognized nationally for their leadership, advocacy and support of best-practice family-friendly workforce policies.”

“Not only did we judge the esteemed members on their voting records for supporting working families, we also examined the benefits that their own employees receive like paid leave and flextime,” Carol Evans, CEO, Working Mother Media, said. “There are no rules about flextime or paid leave for Congressional staff. They are stepping up voluntarily because they believe in progressive policies and act on their beliefs in the real world managing their staff.”

### **Recipients of the 2010 Best of Congress Award are:**

#### **U.S. Senate**

- Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)
- Robert Casey (D-Pennsylvania)
- Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)
- Christopher Dodd (D-Connecticut)
- Kirsten Gillibrand (D-New York)

- Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas)
- Johnny Isakson (R-Georgia)
- Herb Kohl (D-Wisconsin)
- Patty Murray (D-Washington)
- Arlen Specter (D-Pennsylvania)

### **U.S. House of Representatives**

- Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin)
- Russ Carnahan (D-Missouri)
- Susan Davis (D-California)
- Rosa DeLauro (D-Connecticut)
- Mary Fallin (R-Oklahoma)
- Chaka Fattah (D-Pennsylvania)

- Raul Grijalva (D-Arizona)
- John Lewis (D-Georgia)
- Carolyn Maloney (D-New York)
- Carolyn McCarthy (D-New York)
- Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Washington)
- Erik Paulsen (R-Minnesota)
- Dave Reichert (R-Washington)
- Peter Roskam (R-Illinois)
- C.A. “Dutch” Ruppersberger (D-Maryland)
- Linda Sánchez (D-California)
- Allyson Schwartz (D-Pennsylvania)

- Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida)
- Lynn Woolsey (D-California)
- John Yarmuth (D-Kentucky)

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